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SUBJ: ONE-DAY COMMERCIAL SHUT-DOWN TO PROTEST LABOR ACTIONS

1. MONTERREY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ANNOUNCED A ONE DAY CLOSING OF ALL COMMERCIAL BUSINESSES IN METROPOLITAN AREA (EXCEPT FOR SOME PHARMACIES) ON JUNE 18 AS A PUBLIC PROTEST OVER RECENT SERIES OF STRIKES. THIS SERIES OF SECTOR-WIDE STRIKES ALLEGEDLY HAS BEEN PROMOTED BY C.T.M., AND HAS SUCCESSIVELY SHUT DOWN OR THREATENED TO SHUT DOWN HOTELS AND RESTAURANTS, GASOLINE STATIONS AND HARDWARE STORES. OTHER COMMERCIAL RETAIL FIRMS WERE NEXT ON THE LIST. APPARENTLY THIS HAS BEEN A CTM EFFORT TO TAKE OVER REPRESENTATION OF WORKERS IN MONTERREY WHO ARE FOR MOST PART MEMBERS OF COMPANY OR INDEPENDENT UNIONS. PICKETS ACTIVE IN RECENT MONTERREY STRIKES ALLEGEDLY ARE NOT EMPLOYEES OF FIRMS BEING STRUCK.

2. FULL PAGE ANNOUNCEMENT BY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN JUNE 18 NEWSPAPERS DECRIED THE DISRUPTION OF QUOTE RHYTHM OF WORK, CONSISTENT EXPANSION, AND HARMONY BETWEEN WORKERS AND MANAGEMENT WHICH HAVE BEEN PROVERBIAL AMONG US AND WHICH ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE GROWTH OF OUR ECONOMY UNQUOTE BY ARBITRARY AND ILLICIT LABOR PRACTICES FOMENTED BY OUTSIDE AGITATORS. ANNOUNCEMENT IMPLIED THAT PUBLIC APPEALS TO THE GOVERNOR FOR ACTION TO HALT THESE STRIKES HAD BEEN FRUITLESS.

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3. COMMENT: CHAMBER OFFICIALS STATE THAT ONE-DAY CLOSING WAS OVERWHELMINGLY VOTED FOR BY REPRESENTATIVES OF 5,864 MEMBER FIRMS, IN SPITE OF UNDENIED ECONOMIC HARDSHIP FOR SMALLER MERCHANTS; THE DAY'S SALARIES AND WAGES FOR EMPLOYEES ARE REQUIRED BY LAW TO BE PAID. ACTION FOLLOWED A FOUR-HOUR MEETING OF GOVERNOR ZORIRILLA, SECRETARY OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE CAMPILLO SAENZ AND PRIVATE SECTOR REPRESENTATIVES, WHICH WAS CHARACTERIZED BY BUSINESSMEN AS UNSATISFACTORY.

4. CURSORY SURVEY OF DOWNTOWN SECTOR INDICATES CHAMBER'S ACTION IS VERY EFFECTIVE. PUBLIC, WHICH HAS SUFFERED IRRITATION AND INCONVENIENCE OVER PAST SEVERAL WEEKS BECAUSE OF STRUCK RESTAURANTS AND SHOPS, AND ESPECIALLY WITH NEED TO KEEP AUTOMOBILE GAS TANKS FULL BECAUSE OF DAY-TO-DAY THREATS OF SERVICE STATIONS STRIKE, MAY NOW DEMAND IN STRONGER TERMS THAT GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES ACT TO RESTORE LABOR PEACE.  
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